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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

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1. What implications do these two reports have on succession prospects? Medvedev's prediction that Andropov will succeed is interesting. Even more interesting is Andropov's delivery of a speech at Lenin Day celebrations.

2. Two questions:

-- What does Medvedev's promotion of support of Andropov as successor say about what kind of successor he might be?

-- Who was the leading dark horse and why? In a situation as complicated and uncertain as this, it is important to pick a dark horse also.

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